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MEMORANDUM FOR: Director of Central Intelligence

SUBJECT:

Retirement of Representative Harry R. Sheppard (D., California)

1. This memorandum is for information only.

- 2. Representative Sheppard will not seek reelection next year. He is dean of the California delegation and has been a long-time member of the CIA Subcommittee of House Appropriations Committee.
- 3. It is not possible to determine who would replace him on the Subcommittee since Chairman Cannon did not follow the precedent of seniority in appointing Frank Bow in lieu of Representative Taber. On seniority basis, Representative Albert Thomas (D., Texas) is next in line after Sheppard on the full Committee. On the Defense Subcommittee the next in line in seniority is Representative Robert L. F. Sikes (D., Florida).

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